

Citrus Notes



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IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
OJ BREAK - LEMON
WORKSHOP
CREC - Lake Alfred

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
CERTIFIED PILE BURNER
COURSE
Sebring, FL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
PRODUCE SAFETY
ALLIANCE GROWER
TRAINING
CREC - Lake Alfred

OCTOBER 9, 2018
OJ BREAK
Bartow, FL

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September OJ Break

Lemon Workshop



Enclosed you will find a program flyer with additional information along with instructions on registering

for the lemon workshop. The program will be held at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, beginning at 8:45 a.m. MaxiJet Corp will be sponsoring lunch, so we ask that you please pre-register for the workshop.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

We are scheduled to be holding another Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), Produce Safety Rule training on Monday September 17, 2018, at the UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred. I have attached a flyer that contains registration and listing of additional food safety classes being held this fall.

Produce Safety Alliance On-Farm Readiness Reviews

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is offering free on-farm readiness reviews (OFRRs) to growers, harvesters and packers in Florida.

An OFRR is an educational opportunity intended to walk producers through what an actual Produce Rule inspection on their farm may look like,

before a real inspection is conducted. They are performed by a team from UF/IFAS and FDACS. The registration is all handled by FDACS. The link to register for an OFRR in Florida is here: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Business-Services/Fruit-and-Vegetables/Food-Safety-Modernization-Act-Produce-Safety-Rule2/On-Farm-Readiness-Review>.

The OFRR program is voluntary and there is no fee to participate, as federal funding was provided to States to provide this service to growers. We'd encourage participation in these as much as possible, especially since there is no fee. It's a great way to see how the Produce Safety Rule requirements can be satisfied in your specific operation.

While compliance dates remain the same, FDA has asked the states to delay all farm inspections until the spring of 2019, to give the states and farms time to complete an OFRR, if an operation chooses to do so. FDACS will be conducting the on-farm Produce Safety Rule inspections in Florida, and we anticipate these inspections will start sometime around Spring 2019.

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CERTIFIED PILE BURNER COURSE OFFERED

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

The Florida Forest Service and UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension will be conducting a Certified Pile Burners Course on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

This course will show you how to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently. Most importantly, it could save a life. If you burn piles regularly, don't put off registering for this training. When the weather is dry, certified pile burners will receive priority for authorization to burn. Also, certified pile burners are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple day authorizations. Don't wait. **The number of trainings offered and attendance at each training is LIMITED.**

This training will be held from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Highlands County Extension Office (Burt J. Harris Agricultural Center), Sebring, Florida. The weblink below includes a registration form and program agenda.

<https://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/81572/2381711/>

Citrus Expo 2018

Presentations

Just received word that the presentations from this year's 2018 Citrus Expo are available on the new UF/IFAS Citrus Team website (<http://citrusresearch.ifas.ufl.edu/>). At this website you can sign for the new UF/IFAS Citrus Newsletter.

The UF/IFAS statewide citrus monthly newsletter is designed to provide growers and industry stakeholders the most current information related to UF/IFAS citrus research and Extension activities. Our goal is to provide you with up-to-the-minute research results, new ideas, and current recommendations you can use to help keep your groves in production despite the challenges posed by HLB.

2018 Farm Labor

Supervisor Training

To help employers and supervisors of agricultural workers comply with labor laws, UF/IFAS Extension is offering a training program in Wimauma. The

Farm Labor Supervisor Training Program will take place on October 9th (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) and October 10th (8:30 am - 3:30 pm), 2018, at the Highlands County Extension Service and October 23rd (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) and October 24th (8:30 am - 3:30 pm), 2018, at the UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research & Education Center. Four classes are offered on October 23rd: Farm Labor Contractor Basics and Navigating the H-2A Process, Wage/Hour Regulations and Managing H-2A Workers, EEOC Compliance- Harassment and Discrimination, and Management Communications. Four different classes are offered on October 24th: Safe Driving, Pesticide Safety, Heat Stress Prevention, and Hand Labor Equipment Safety. Registration starts at 8:00 AM both days. Classes are taught in both English and Spanish in separate rooms, at the same time. There is a \$50 fee per class. *If you choose to attend all 8 classes to earn your Certificate of Farm Labor Management, the fee would be \$350. Please select the "Complete Certificate Program" option*

in either English or Spanish. Anyone completing all classes, and passing a test in each class, will earn a *Certificate of Farm Labor Management*. First Aid and CPR classes may count in place of certain classes listed above. Lunch is provided.

For further information, please contact Barbara Hyman (hymanb@ufl.edu, 239-658-3461). The attached flyer has registration and additional program information.

2018 Preliminary Commercial Citrus Inventory

The preliminary commercial citrus inventory report is out. Statewide citrus acreage dropped by 25 from 2017. Polk County saw a 2180 acre decrease from 2017. Acreage in Polk was 67,770 acres and ranked first among Florida counties. You can view the entire report at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Florida/Publications/Citrus/Commercial_Citrus_Inventory/Commercial_Citrus_Inventory_Prelim/ccipr18.pdf.

LEMON

Production in Florida

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UF/IFAS Polk County Extension September OJ Break - Lemon Workshop

The purpose of this lemon workshop is to provide commercial citrus growers with an overview of the current landscape of lemon production in Florida.

Program Agenda

Scott McClure	Florida Lemon Regulations FDACS
George Hamner	Lemon Marketing Indian River Exchange Packers
Dr. Fred Gmitter	Lemon Improvement Program UF/IFAS CREC
Chris Oswalt	Citrus Cold Protection UF/IFAS Polk County

Three CEUs for Certified Crop Advisors will be available.

Grower Panel
Mr. Louis Havelock
Mr. Kevin Jacobs
Mr. David Craig
Dr. Hamed Doostdar

What: OJ Break - Lemon Workshop
When: September 11, 2018
8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Where: UF/IFAS Citrus Research and
Education Center, BHG Hall
700 Experiment Station Rd.
Lake Alfred, FL

Register: Call Gail Crawford @ 863-519-1042
Email @ dorothyc@ufl.edu
Eventbrite: [https://
lemonworkshop.eventbrite.com/](https://lemonworkshop.eventbrite.com/)
By September 7, 2018

Lunch sponsored by: **MaxiJet Corp.**



2018 Food Safety Workshops

Produce Safety ALLIANCE

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

A one-day course for fruit and vegetable growers and packers who fall under FSMA's Produce Safety Rule

- 8/27/18 – Ft. Pierce
<https://psa082718.eventbrite.com>
- 09/13/18 – Homestead
<https://psa091318.eventbrite.com>
- 9/17/18 – Lake Alfred
<https://psa091718.eventbrite.com>
- 10/3/18 – Live Oak
<https://psa100318.eventbrite.com>
- 10/9/18 – Palmetto
<https://psa100918.eventbrite.com>
- 10/23/18 – Sebring
<https://psa102318.eventbrite.com>
- 11/7/18 – Tavares
<https://psa110718.eventbrite.com>
- 11/27/18 – Homestead
<https://psa112718.eventbrite.com>
- 12/13/18 – Immokalee
<https://psa121318.eventbrite.com>
- 12/17/18 – St Augustine
<https://psa121718.eventbrite.com>

Beyond Basic Produce Food Safety: A Hands-On Analysis

This one-day course is targeted at those who have already attended a food safety training and are looking for a more in-depth and hands-on experience. It is not a substitute for a PCQI or PSA Grower Training for FSMA.

- **October 18 – Lake Alfred**
<https://beyondbasicfoodsafety.eventbrite.com>
- **November 1 – Live Oak**
Register via email to dtoro@ufl.edu

FSPCA

FOOD SAFETY PREVENTIVE CONTROLS ALLIANCE

Preventive Controls for Human Food- Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) Training

This three-day course for those covered under FSMA's Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule

- 9/10-9/12/18– Fort Pierce
<https://fspca091018.eventbrite.com>
- 12/10-12/12/18- Jacksonville
<https://fspca121018.eventbrite.com>

HACCP for Florida Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Packinghouses

This two-day course is not a requirement of FSMA rules, but may be required by some third party audit schemes

- 10/1-10/2/18 – Live Oak
<https://haccp100118.eventbrite.com>
- 11/19-11/20/18 - Immokalee
<https://haccp111918.eventbrite.com>

Questions?

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Prepare Now.

Sign up for an On-Farm Readiness Review.

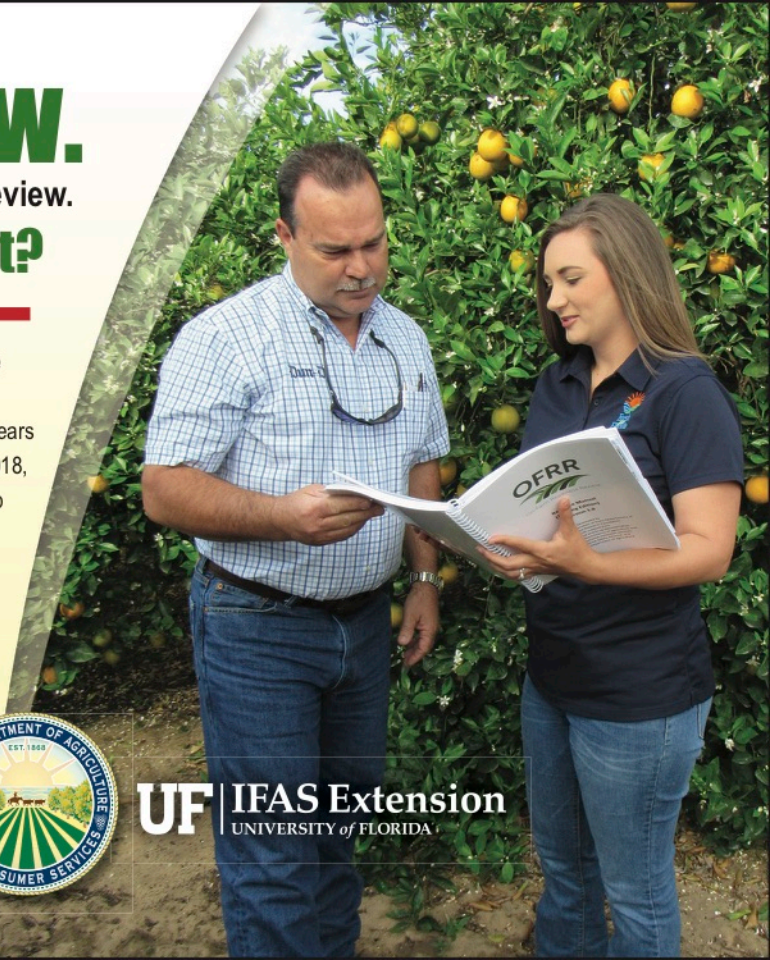
Are you FSMA compliant?

The first Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule (PSR) compliance dates have arrived. Very large farms with average annual sales exceeding \$500,000 in the last three years were required to be compliant with the PSR as of Jan. 26, 2018, with the exception of the water requirements. Sign up now to request a **free On-Farm Readiness Review**, offered in partnership by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and University of Florida IFAS. The OFRR is an opportunity to receive on-farm education and technical assistance to help farms align practices with the PSR regulatory requirements.

For more information on FSMA and to sign up for an OFRR, visit FreshFromFlorida.com/FSMA or call (863) 578-1900. To sign up for a Produce Safety Alliance grower training course, visit crec.ifas.ufl.edu/events/.



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**FARM LABOR SUPERVISOR TRAINING
SCHEDULE FOR FALL, 2018**

DAY 1		DAY 2	
DAY 1—TIME	Classes	DAY 2—TIME	Classes
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration	8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Farm Labor Contractor Basics & Navigating H-2A	8:30 am - 10:00 am	Safe Driving
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Wage/Hour Regulations & Managing H-2A Workers	10:15 am—11:30 am	Pesticide Safety
12:15 pm—1:00 pm	Lunch	11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm—2:30 pm	EEOC Compliance—Harassment and Discrimination	12:15 pm—1:30 pm	Heat Stress Prevention
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Management Communications	1:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Hand Labor Equipment Safety

Oct. 9 -10, 2018
SEBRING

UF/IFAS Highlands County Extension Office
4509 George Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33875
Ph: 863-402-6540
Register:
<https://fls2018sebring.eventbrite.com>

Oct. 23 -24, 2018
WIMAUMA

UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research & Education Center
14625 CR 672
Wimauma, FL 33598
Ph: 813-419-6670
Register:
<https://fls2017wimauma.eventbrite.com>

Who should take these classes? Labor Supervisors, Contractors, Crew Leaders, Foremen, Bus & Van Drivers, Human Resources, Payroll, Compliance, Labor Managers, and Farm Managers.

Language: English or Spanish

Class information: A Certificate of Farm Labor Management is earned by attendees who pass tests in all classes.

FEE: \$50 per class, \$350 for the Complete Certificate Program (one student must attend all 8 classes)

Minimum Class Size: 10 participants

To register visit: <http://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/programs/economics/fls> or go directly to the Eventbrite page shown for each location.

For More Information, contact: Barbara Hyman (239) 658-3461 (hymanb@ufl.edu) or Fritz Roka (239) 658-3428 (fmroka@ufl.edu)

CITRUS GROWERS' WORKSHOP

*A Hands-On
Learning
Experience*

SEPT.
25-26,
2018

Location

UF/IFAS Extension
Highlands County
4509 George Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33875

Registration

[highlandscitrusworkshop.
eventbrite.com](http://highlandscitrusworkshop.eventbrite.com)

Cost

\$20 fee

Please bring your laptop or tablet for
the Tuesday afternoon session.

UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County is partnering with the statewide UF/IFAS Citrus Extension faculty to bring a unique hands-on learning experience to Sebring. This day and a half workshop will cover topics in entomology, horticulture, and plant pathology. It will provide opportunities to learn and test pH meters and soil meters, and evaluate tree roots. This event is sponsored with the continued support of the Highlands County Citrus Extension program.

Citrus Growers' Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome (Laurie Hurner, UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County and Tripti Vashisth, UF/IFAS CREC)
9:45 a.m.	Citrus Under Protected Structure (Arnold Schumann, UF/IFAS CREC)
10:15 a.m.	Best Management Practices (BMP) Program (Tara Wade, UF/IFAS SWFREC)
10:45 a.m.	Juice and Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	Citrus Black Spot-It's not near me, what should I do? (Megan Dewdney, UF/IFAS CREC)
11:30 a.m.	Canopy and Crop Load Management (Tripti Vashisth, UF/IFAS CREC)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Irrigation and Nutrition (Davie Kadyampakeni, UF/IFAS CREC)
1:15 p.m.	What's going on below ground? (Evan Johnson, UF/IFAS CREC)
1:45 p.m.	Hands-On Activity: Evaluation of Roots (Evan Johnson, UF/IFAS CREC)
2:15 p.m.	pH and Electrical Conductivity Meters: How are they useful? (Tripti Vashisth, UF/IFAS CREC)
2:45 p.m.	Hands-On Activity: Using pH meters with a purpose (Tripti Vashisth, UF/IFAS CREC)
3:15 p.m.	Technology and Soil Moisture Meters: A New Connection (Justin Smith, BMP Logic)
3:45 p.m.	Soil Moisture Meters: What do I do with it? (Rhuanito Ferrarezi, UF/IFAS IRREC)
4:15 p.m.	Hands-On Activity: Soil Moisture Meter Tryouts-Learning to use a soil moisture meter (Rhuanito Ferrarezi, UF/IFAS IRREC)
4:45 p.m.	Question and Answer; Day 1 Program Evaluation
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Exploring Inside the Psyllid Gut-What's going on in there? (Amit Levy, UF/IFAS CREC)
10:00 a.m.	New Faculty Spotlight (Lauren Diepenbrock, UF/IFAS CREC)
10:15 a.m.	Juice and Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Insecticide Resistance (Lukasz Stelinski, UF/IFAS CREC)
11:00 a.m.	Kaolin Clay Research Update (Christopher Vincent, UF/IFAS CREC)
11:30am	Food Safety: More than hand washing (Travis Chapin, UF/IFAS CREC & Laurie Hurner, UF/IFAS Extension Highlands County)
12:00 p.m.	Question and Answer; Day 2 Program Evaluation
12:15 p.m.	Lunch and Adjourn

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